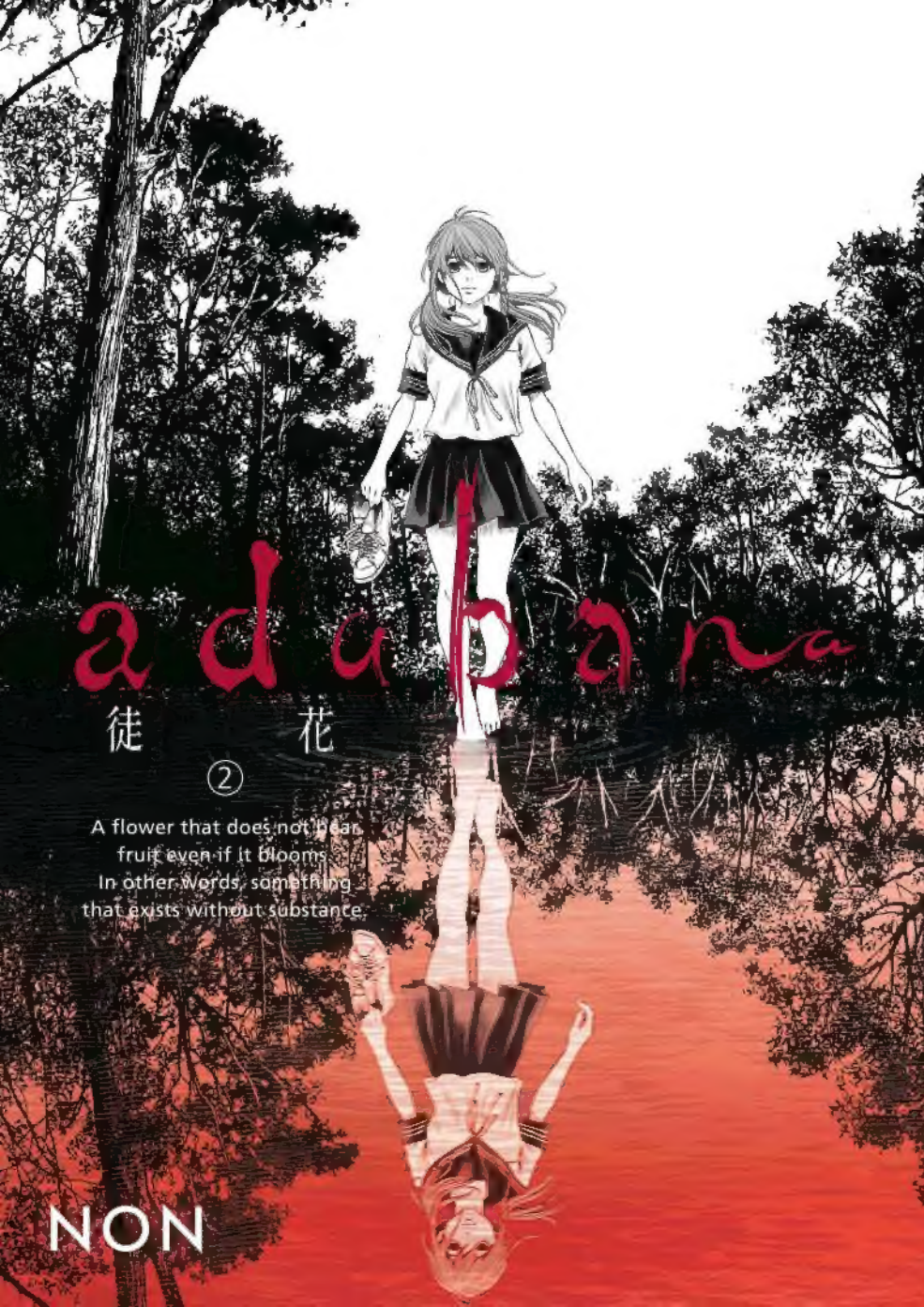




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徒 花

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A flower that does not bear
fruit even if it blooms.
In other words, something
that exists without substance.

NON

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VOLUME 2

STORY AND ART

NON



DARK HORSE MANGA

TRANSLATION
Caleb Cook

LETTERING AND RETOUCH
Brendon Hull





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徒 花

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"UH-HUH!"

"I CAN'T
WAIT TO
COME
BACK!"

"DID
YOU HAVE
A FUN TIME
AT MAGICAL
LAND,
HONEY?"



"HEH..."

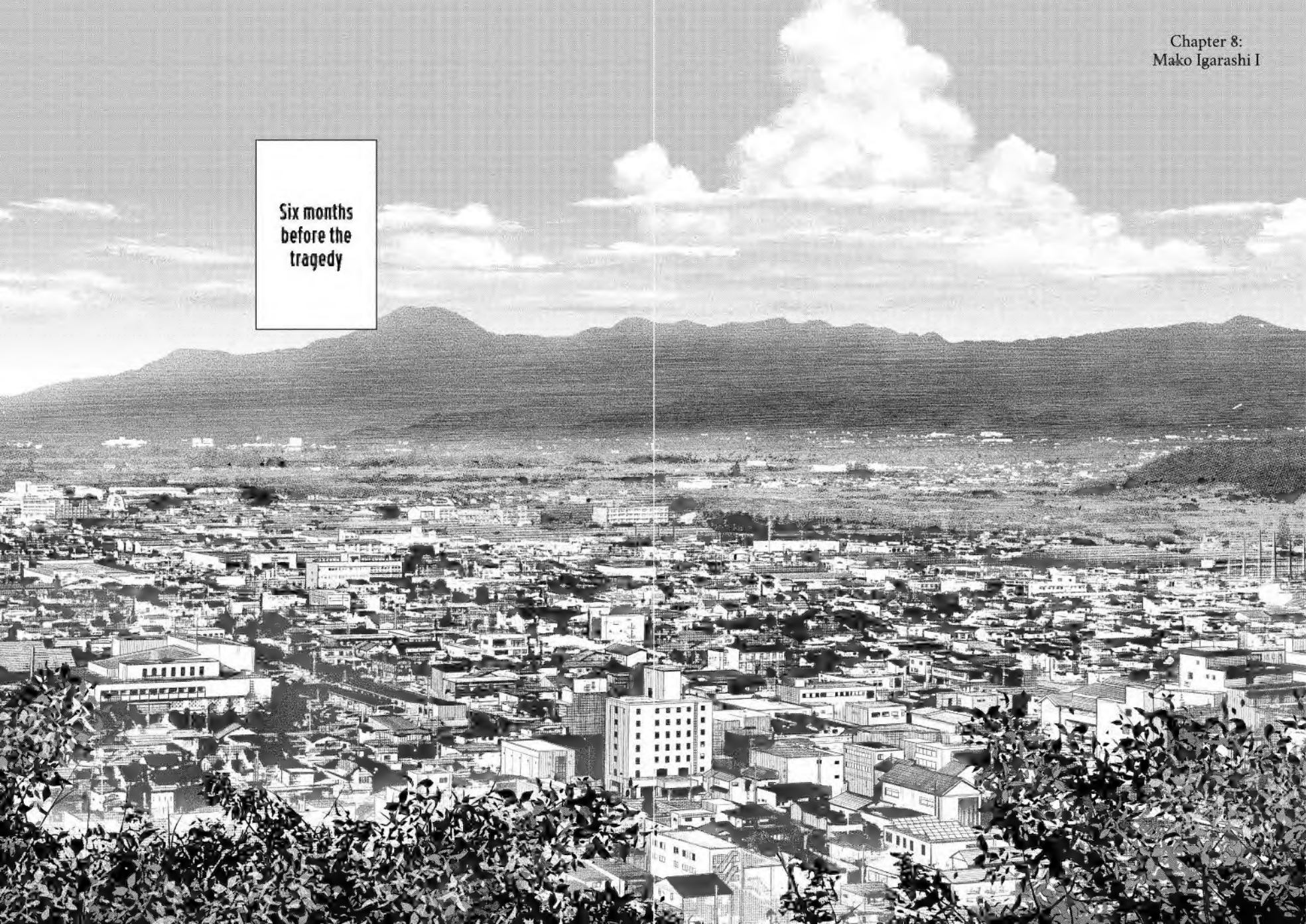
"I WANNA
SEE THAT
PARADE
AGAIN!"



"...MAYBE
YOU'LL VISIT
WITH YOUR
OWN SPECIAL
SOMEONE."

"WELL, MAKO,
ONCE YOU'RE
A LITTLE
OLDER..."

Six months
before the
tragedy





I'M
HEADING
OUT,
MOM.

DING



MEALS ARE
PREPPED FOR
YOU, DAD!

Dad
hurt his leg
and lost his
construction job,
but we made do
with financial
support from
relatives.

I'LL BE
HOME LATE
FROM
WORK!



...and
my mom
died in the
passenger
seat.

When I
was ten,
my parents
got in a car
accident...



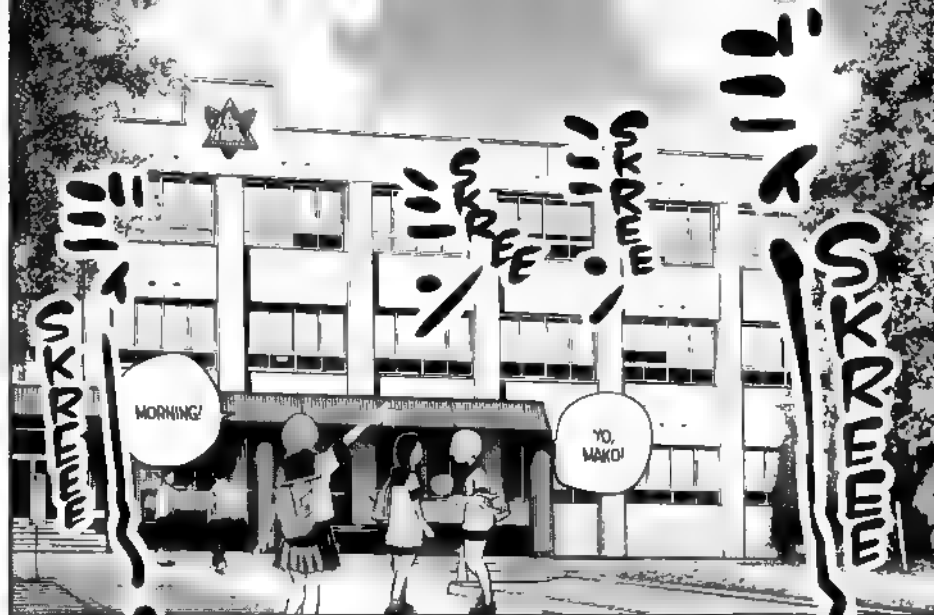
UH-
HUH...



...turned
eighteen
today.

LATER!

I...





WAIT,
FOR
REAL?

YEAH,
TANAKA FROM
WEST HIGH
SAID SO.



YOUR FAM'S
ON WELFARE,
YEAH?



GINME A
BREAK.

HEY,
NOW.

SO
YOU WEREN'T
GETTING PROPER
NUTRITION,
BUT AT LEAST
YOUR BOOBS
GREW NICE
AND BIG!!



THAT'S
RUDE.



I ALSO HEARD
HOW IN YEAR ONE
OF MIDDLE SCHOOL,
MAKO GOT FREE LUNCH,
AND THERE WAS A
FOOD DONATION BOX
IN THE CLASSROOM,
SO EVERYONE COULD
HELP HER OUT

HUH?!

LIKE
A PITIFUL
PUPPY ON
THE SIDE
OF THE
ROAD!!

YOU
KIDDING ME?!
THAT'S KINDA
PATHETIC.
BUT LIKE IN A
CUTE WAY!!

A black and white manga panel showing three girls in a hallway. The girl on the left is seen from the back, wearing a sailor-style uniform. The girl in the middle has long dark hair and a serious expression. The girl on the right has short hair and is looking towards the other two. A speech bubble from the girl on the left contains the text.

WHAT KIND OF
MONSTERS LAUGH
ABOUT SOMEONE'S
HOME LIFE, WHEN
THEY HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT'S REALLY
GOING ON?

A black and white manga panel featuring a close-up of a girl with long dark hair and a serious expression. She is wearing a sailor-style uniform. The background shows a hallway with lockers. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left with a question mark and exclamation mark, and one on the right with a taunting message.

YOU
TWO AREN'T
WORTH THE
OXYGEN YOU
BREATHE

?!

A black and white manga panel showing three girls reacting with shock and surprise. The girl on the left has long hair and wide eyes. The girl in the middle has dark hair and an open mouth. The girl on the right has short hair and a surprised expression. Each girl has a speech bubble containing their reaction.

J-JEEZ,
MIZUKI..

HUH?!



THAT
AIKAWA CHICK
CREEPS ME
OUT, FOR
REAL.

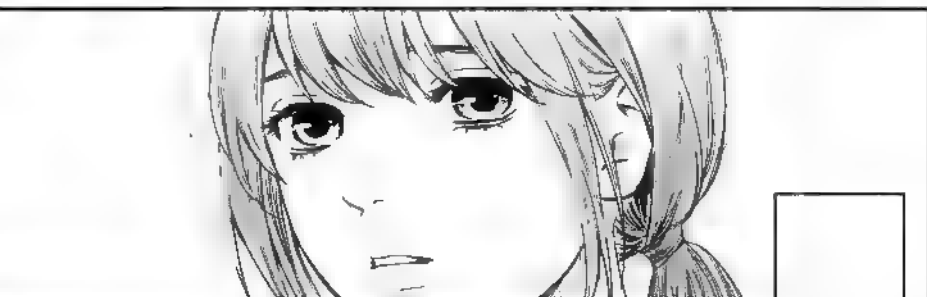
Y
YEAH.

CALLING US
MONSTERS?
TAKES ONE
TO KNOW
ONE!



WE
DIDN'T MEAN
ANYTHING BY IT!
YOU KNOW THAT,
RIGHT?!

WHAT'S HER
PROBLEM?!



Mizuki...



We
went way
back.

...lived
nearby, so we
played together
all the time
when we were
little kids.



She
tended to
keep people
at arm's
length.



I made lots
of new friends
in middle
school...

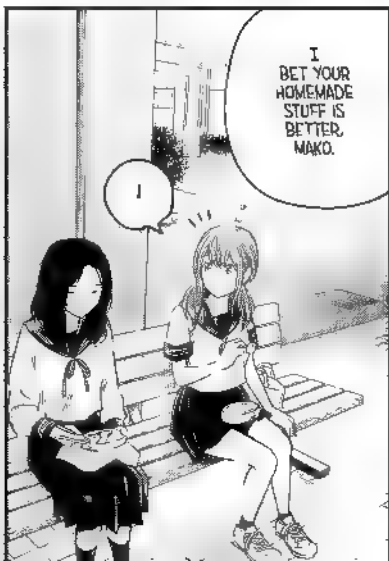
...and
started to
grow apart
from
Mizuki.

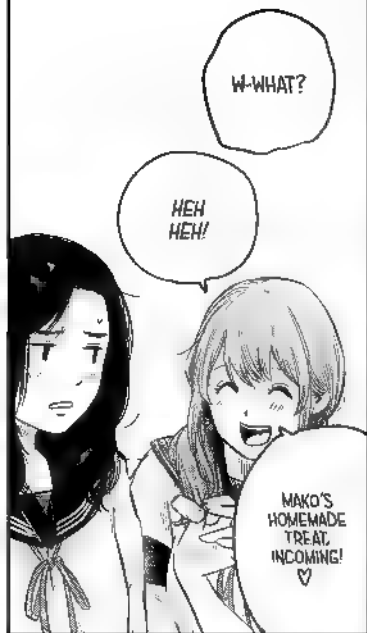


LET'S
DO LUNCH
TOGETHER,
GIRL!!









W-WHAT?

HEH
HEH!

MAKO'S HOMEMADE
TREAT IS COMING!
♥



HOW
MANY YEARS
HAS IT BEEN
SINCE YOU
TRIED MY
COOKING,
HMM?



I BET
I'M A WAY
BETTER CHEF
THAN I
WAS BACK
THEN!



YOU DO A
GREAT JOB
SCARING
EVERYONE OFF,
MIZUKI.

BUT I THINK
IT'S ADORABLE
HOW YOU GET
ALL SHY
AND START
BLUSHING.

I'M NOT
BLUSHING...

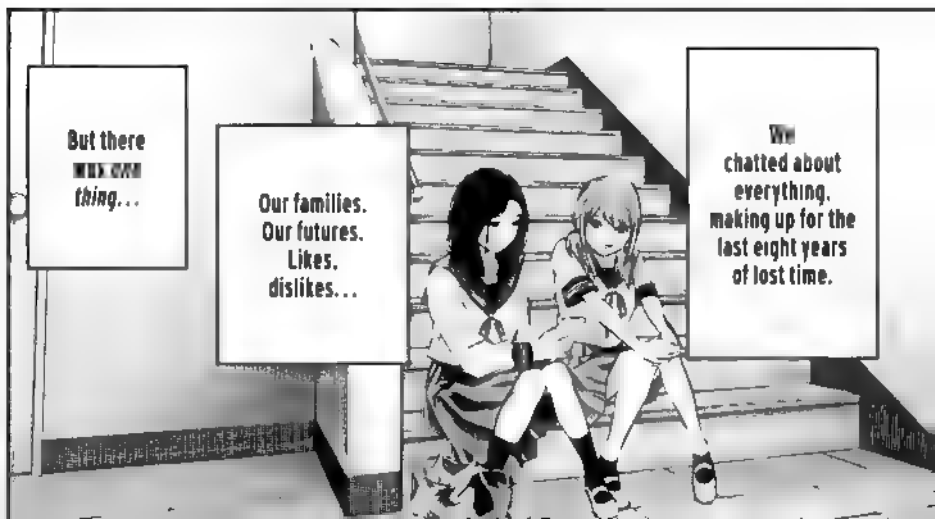








That
led to the
two of us
hanging out
more.



But there
was one
thing...

Our families.
Our futures.
Likes,
dislikes...

We
chatted about
everything,
making up for the
last eight years
of lost time.



SORRY,
I STILL
GOTTA
TIDY UP
HERE.

NO
PROBLEM.
SEE YOU
NEXT
WEEK.



...I could
never bring
myself to
mention.

THANKS
FOR THE
FOOD.

Banner Ramen



...

OKAY.



IT'S
TIME,
MAKO.

GO ON
AND GET
CHANGED.



27 20 27 30 31

SPREAD
THOSE
LEGS.

NICE
AND WIDE,
NOW!

THERE
YA GO.

WORK IT,
MAKOU!

GIVE US
A REALLY
NAUGHTY
LOOK!



SEDUCE
THE VIEWER!!
USE THAT
TONGUE!

REMEMBER...
YOU'RE "MAKO—
THE HYPER-
HORNY HIGH-
SCHOOLER"!!

SMOOSH
THOSE JUGS
TOGETHER
MORE!



DO IT,
MAKO!!

SLIP SOME
FINGERS
INTO YOUR
PANTIES!!

TOUCH
YOURSELF
DOWN THERE!
GO ON!

YOU WANT
MONEY, YEAH?!
WE'LL TRY HARDER,
'CAUSE NOBODY'S
GONNA PAY FOR
THIS CRAP!



CHAPTER

9

[Mako Igarashi II]



WHO'S
POURING HIS
SWEAT AND BLOOD
INTO THESE
PHOTO SHOTS?
WHO'S OUT THERE
SELLING WHAT
WE MAKE
TOGETHER?
HMM?

STOP
AND THINK
MAKO.

YOU
GOT ME
TO THANK
FOR ALL
OF IT!!

WHO'S
DOING THE
LABOR TO
EARN THESE
PROFITS.
HMM?



UNLESS
YOU WANT ME
TO TELL YOUR
DAD ABOUT THIS
SIDE HUSTLE YOU
GOT GOING
HERE?



HMM?
REALLY?

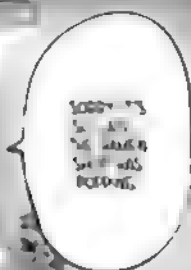
AND
YOU'RE
GONNA
TELL ME
"NO"?

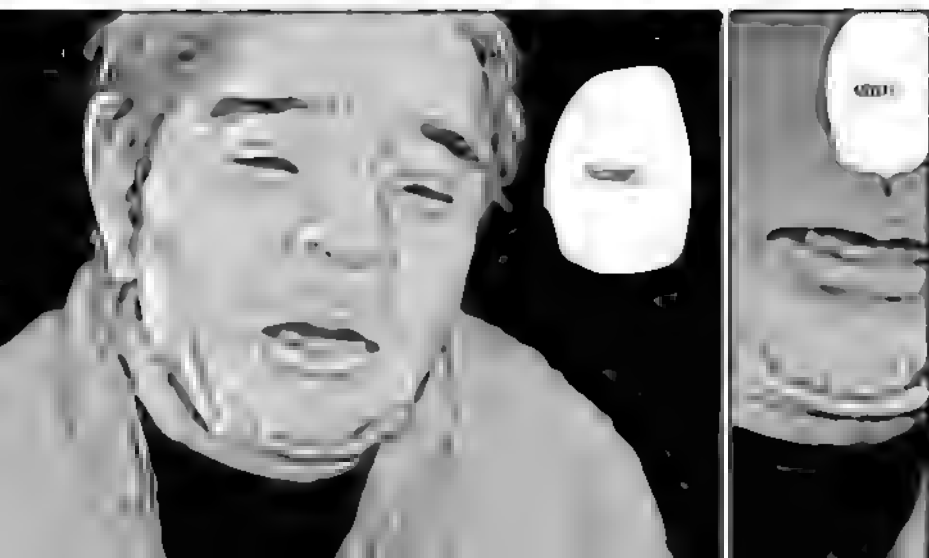
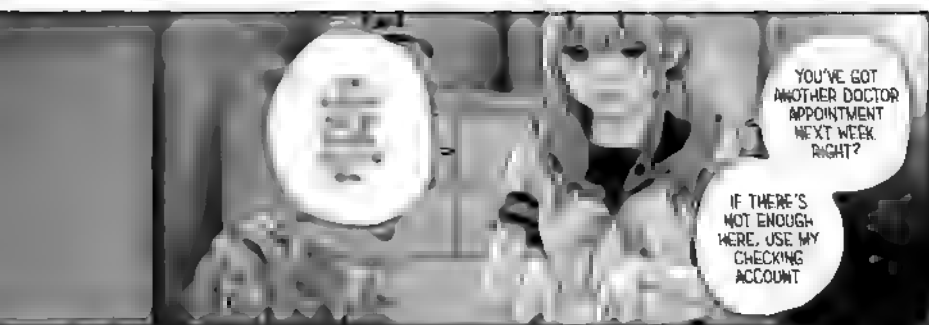
How I
Lost My
Virginity
During
Summer
Break
as a Toy
for a
Hyper-
horny
High-
Schooler

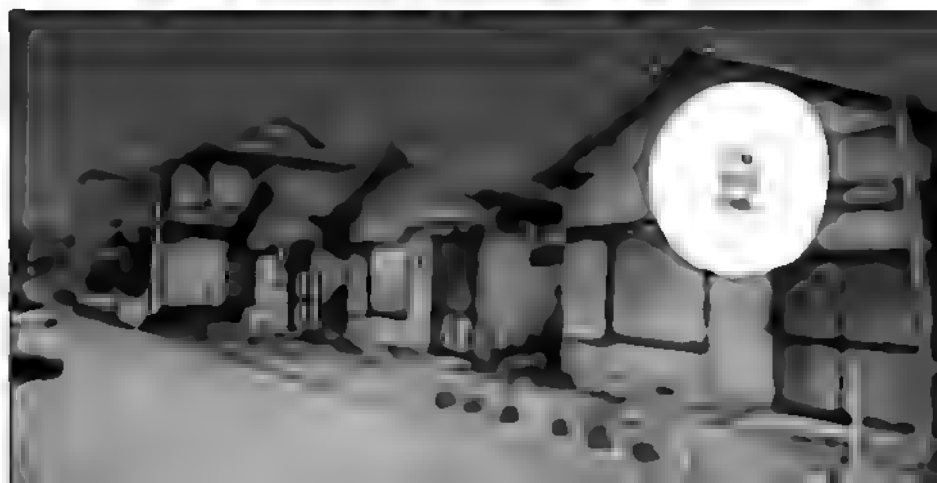
MAKO



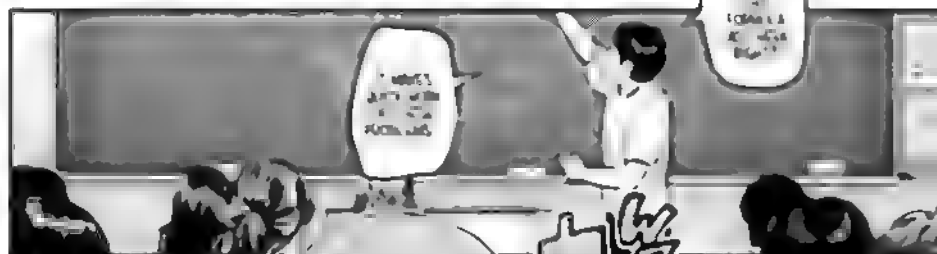














LOOKS LIKE
SLEEPING
BEAUTY'S
WIDDING OFF
AGAIN!



ENJOYING AN
EASY-BREEZY
NAP!



HUH?

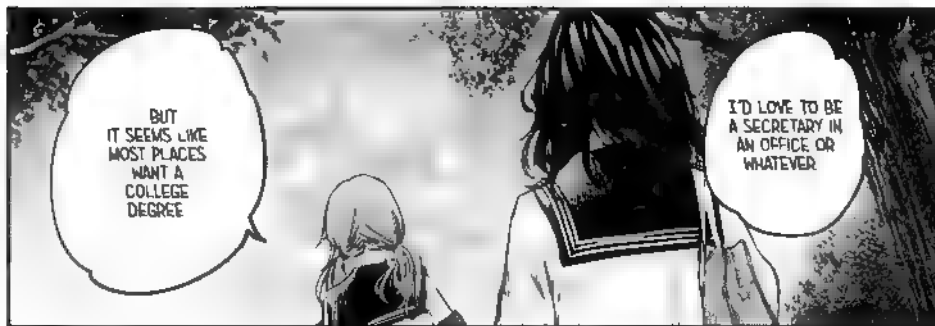
DID YOU
GET ANY SLEEP
LAST NIGHT?



SO I
WAS BAKING
IN BED!

NOT MUCH,
ACTUALLY.

WE DON'T
HAVE A C.
Y'SEE









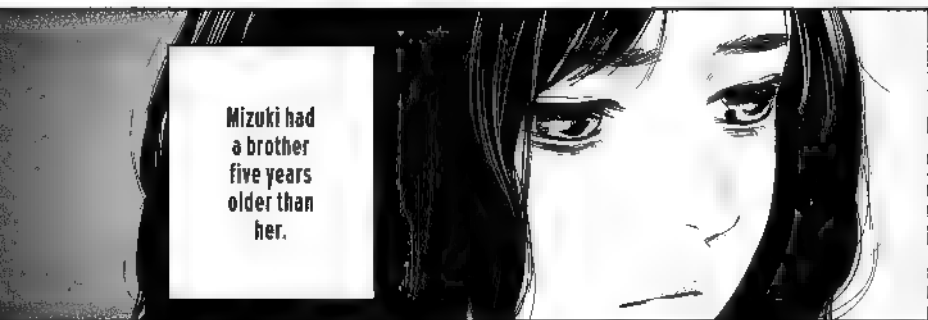
BUT AFTER
HE BOWED OUT,
SHE PUT ME ON
THAT SAME
TRACK.

MY
OLDER
BROTHER
WAS HER
FIRST
CHOICE...

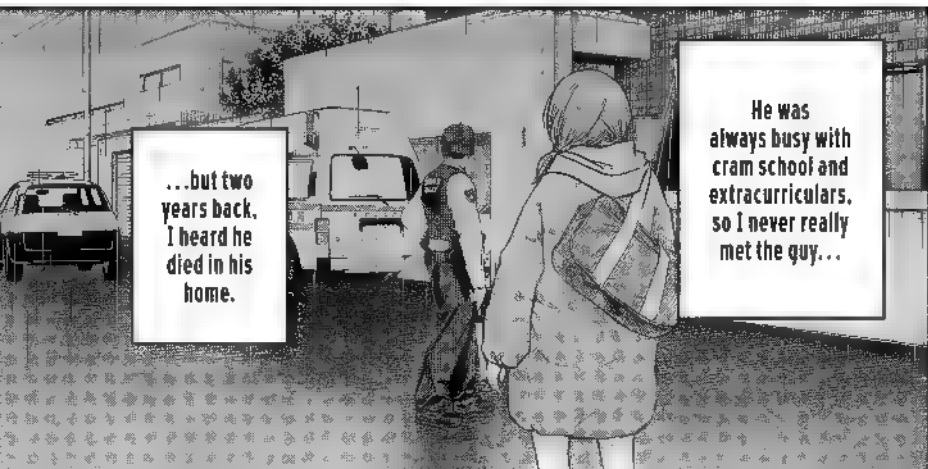


IT'S
TRUE.

REALLY?
NAW.



Mizuki had
a brother
five years
older than
her.



...but two
years back,
I heard he
died in his
home.

He was
always busy with
cram school and
extracurriculars,
so I never really
met the guy...







GHOSTS,
GHOULS,
AND
KILLERS?
FINE BY
ME!!

I'M
GOOD WITH
WHATEVER!

FOR YOU?
I'M PRETTY SURE
I'D BE WRITING
THRILLERS AND
HORROR AND
STUFF



MIZUKI—
AUTHOR
EXTRA-
ORDINAIRE!

YOU'D BE
FAMOUS!

DOH,
I'D BE SO
PROUD.

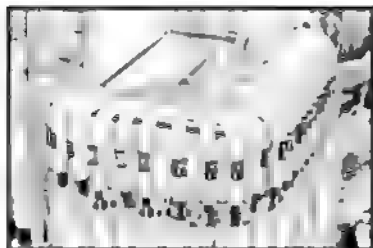


YOU'D
TOTALLY BE A
BESTSELLER
WITH STORIES
LIKE THAT!

COULDJA
WRITE A MYSTERY
LIKE SHERLOCK
AND HOLMES?

OKAY,
FIRST OFF,
THERE'S
NO "AND."
FIRST NAME
SHERLOCK,
LAST NAME
HOLMES.
SAME
CHARACTER
NOT A DUO.









CHAPTER

10

[Mako Igarashi III]





Banner Green tea soft serve







AKATSUKI'S
INSTA ACCOUNT
HAS GOT ME
FEELING ALL
SORTS OF
WAYS!

IS HE NOT
LIKE THE
HOTTEST
HOTTIE
AROUND?!



TOO HOT
TO HANDLE,
RIGHT?
I BET HE'LL
GO ON TO
FAME AND
FORTUNE!!

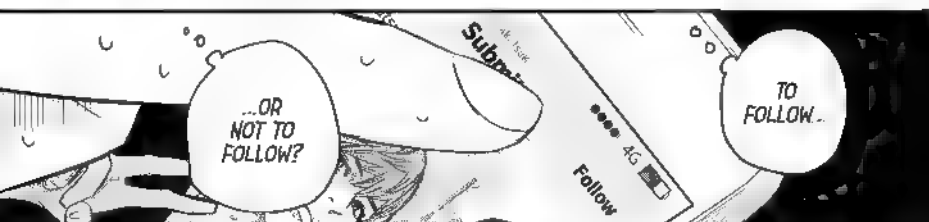
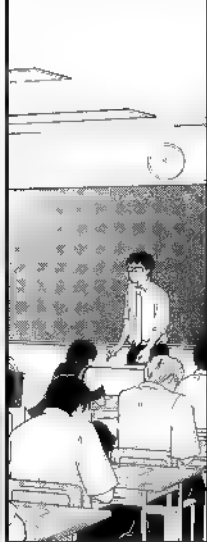
TOTALLY
THE TYPE TO
GET SCOUTED
BY TALENT
AGENCIES!!

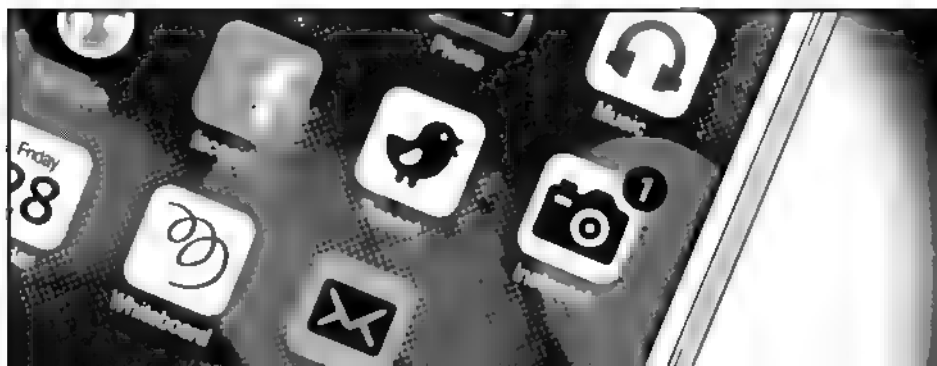
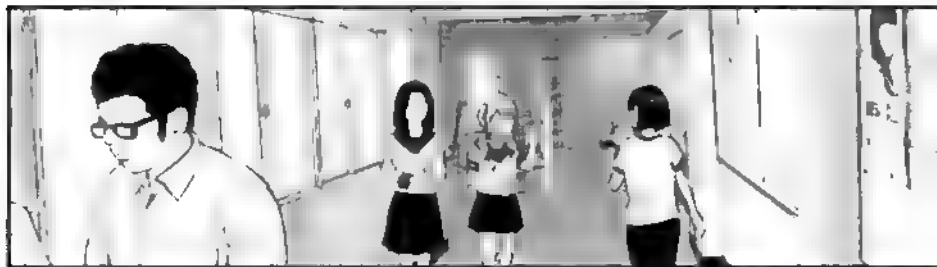
♪SIGH♪
IF ONLY
I'D BEEN
BORN
TWO YEARS
EARLIER.
♡

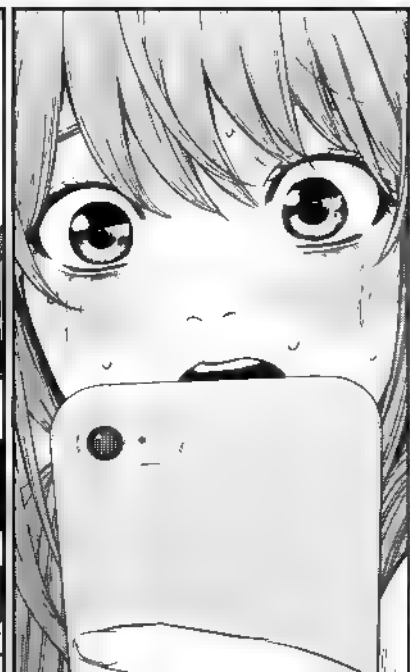


THE GUY
GRADUATED
TWO YEARS
AGO!!

DIDJA
KNOW HE WAS
BASICALLY THE
ROCK STAR OF
SOUTH HIGH?!







tsuki

Wait, are you the girl I met
at the corner store?

So your name's Mako

Boop

ACK!

GUESS I
SHOULD
THANK
HIM...

type a message

あ

か

ABOUT
WHAT?

WHAT-
DO-I-
DO?!

HOW'S
HE SO
FAST?

HUH?!
HE REPLIED
ALREADY?!

"...OTHER...
DAY"

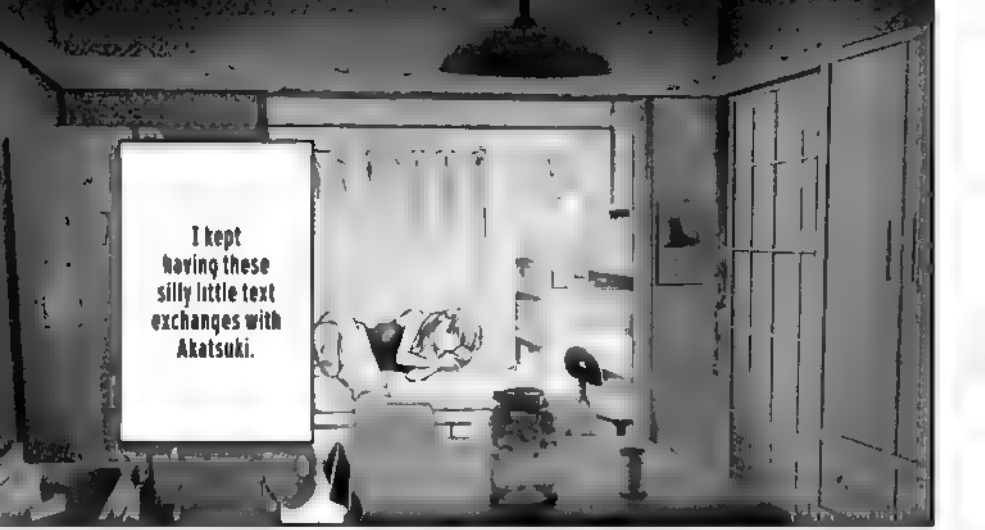
Boop

"THANKS
FOR THE..."

LET'S
SEE...

OH NO.
OH GOD...

HUH?!
CALLING ME
C-C-C-
CUTE?!



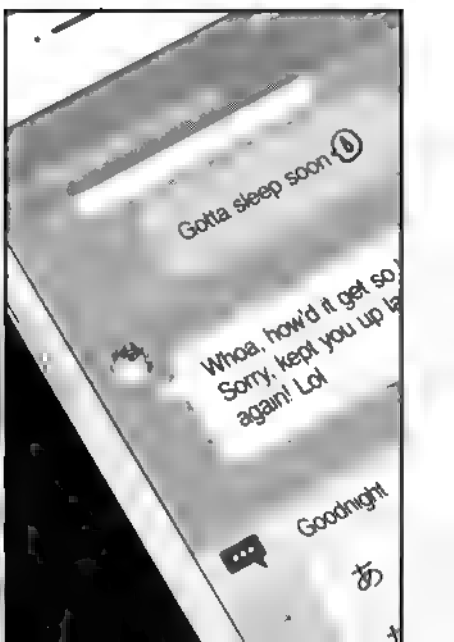
I kept
having these
silly little text
exchanges with
Akatsuki.



Day...



...after
day...



Gotta sleep soon (D)

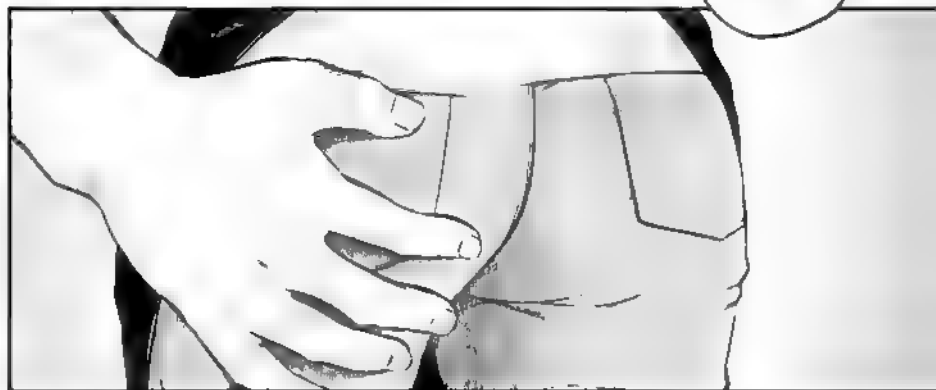
Whoa, how'd it get so
Sorry, kept you up late
again! Lol

Goodnight

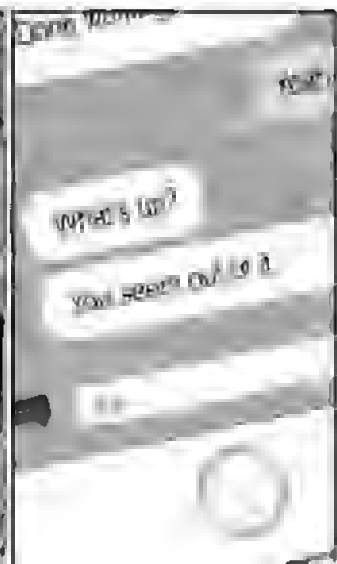
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GREAT
FOOD.
THANKS.



THANKS.
COME
AGAIN!



Sorry.
I'm just tired from
work...

A job AND housework? Rough

You gotta get out there and
blow off some steam!



Boop



You gotta get out there and
blow off some steam!

Actually, a buddy of mine is
performing live this Saturday,
so you should come with!





PLEASE,
MAZUKU

I GOTTA
BORROW SOME
CLOTHES!



LIKE
A DATE!



ALL I'VE
GOT ARE
SWEATSUITS!

I CAN'T
SHOW UP
LOOKING
LIKE
THIS!

1000?







BUT HEY—
YOU'RE ALSO
CUTE IN
CASUAL
CLOTHES.

THIS IS
A WHOLE
DIFFERENT
SIDE TO
YOU.

I WOULD
LIKE TO
THANK
YOU FOR
INVITING
ME OUT.



I OWE YOU
BIGTIME,
MIZUKI!

"ALSO,"
HE SAID!!

YOU SURE
ABOUT THOSE
SHOES FOR
THIS SHOW,
THOUGH?



G-GOOD
EVENING!







Before
I knew it,
I was riding
that high and
falling for
him hard.

CHAPTER

11

[Mako Igarashi IV]







THERE
YOU
ARE!



SORRY
I LOST
TRACK OF
YOU IN
THERE.

YOU
GOOD?

UH-HUH.
JUST A LITTLE
FREAKED OUT



I'M PALS
WITH THE
VOCALIST.
YEAH?



HA
HA HA!
LOOK.
I SAID
SORRY,
OKAY?

LOOKED LIKE
YOU WERE HAVING
A GRAND OL' TIME
WITHOUT ME.



COULD
YOU BELIEVE
THE ENERGY
IN THERE?
THAT SHIT
WAS SICK



HE'S
FINALLY GETTING
TO DO THOSE
RALLYING CALLS
WITH THE
CROWD..

AND
I'M JUST
SO HAPPY
FOR THE
GUY

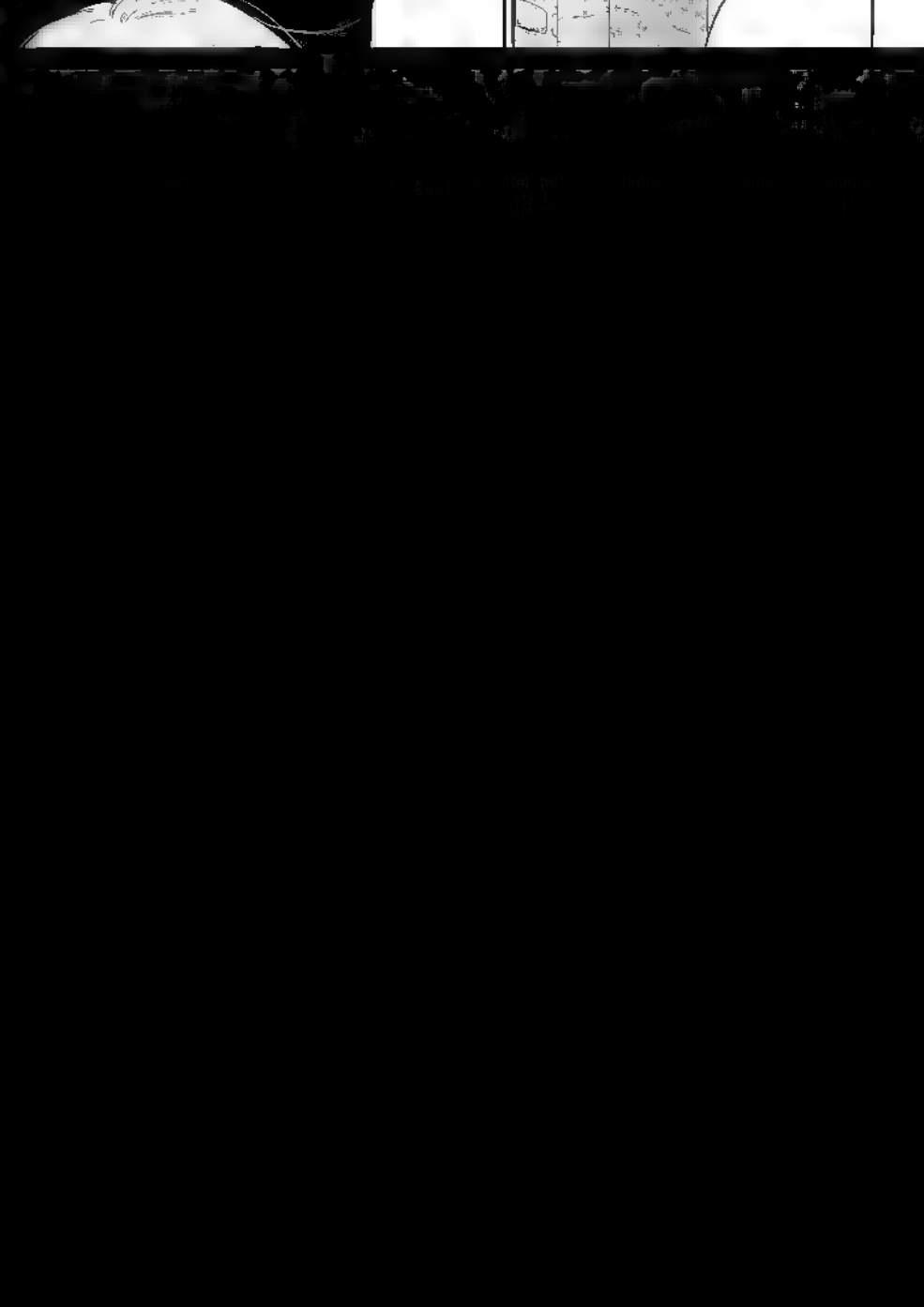


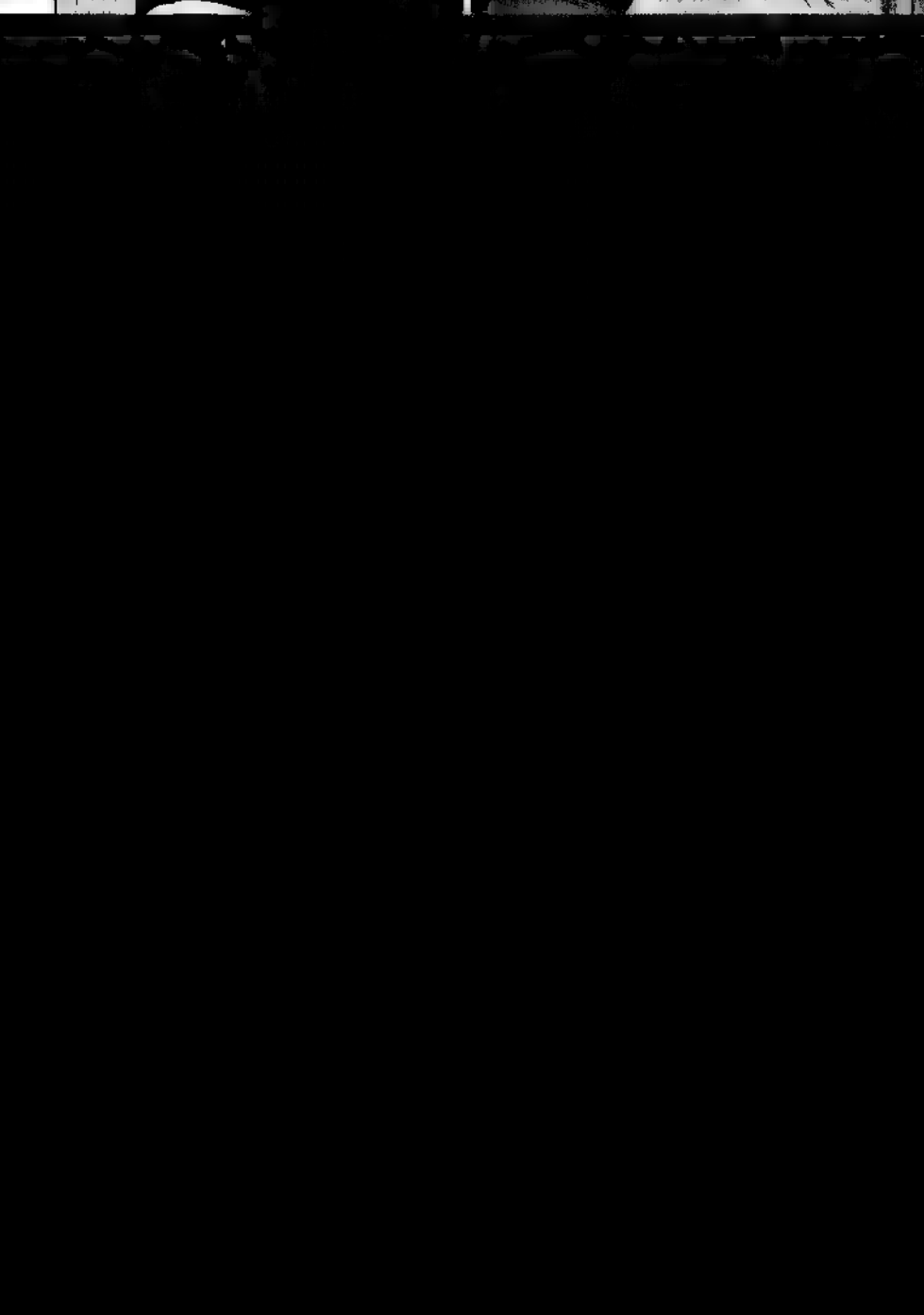
YO!
YUKI!

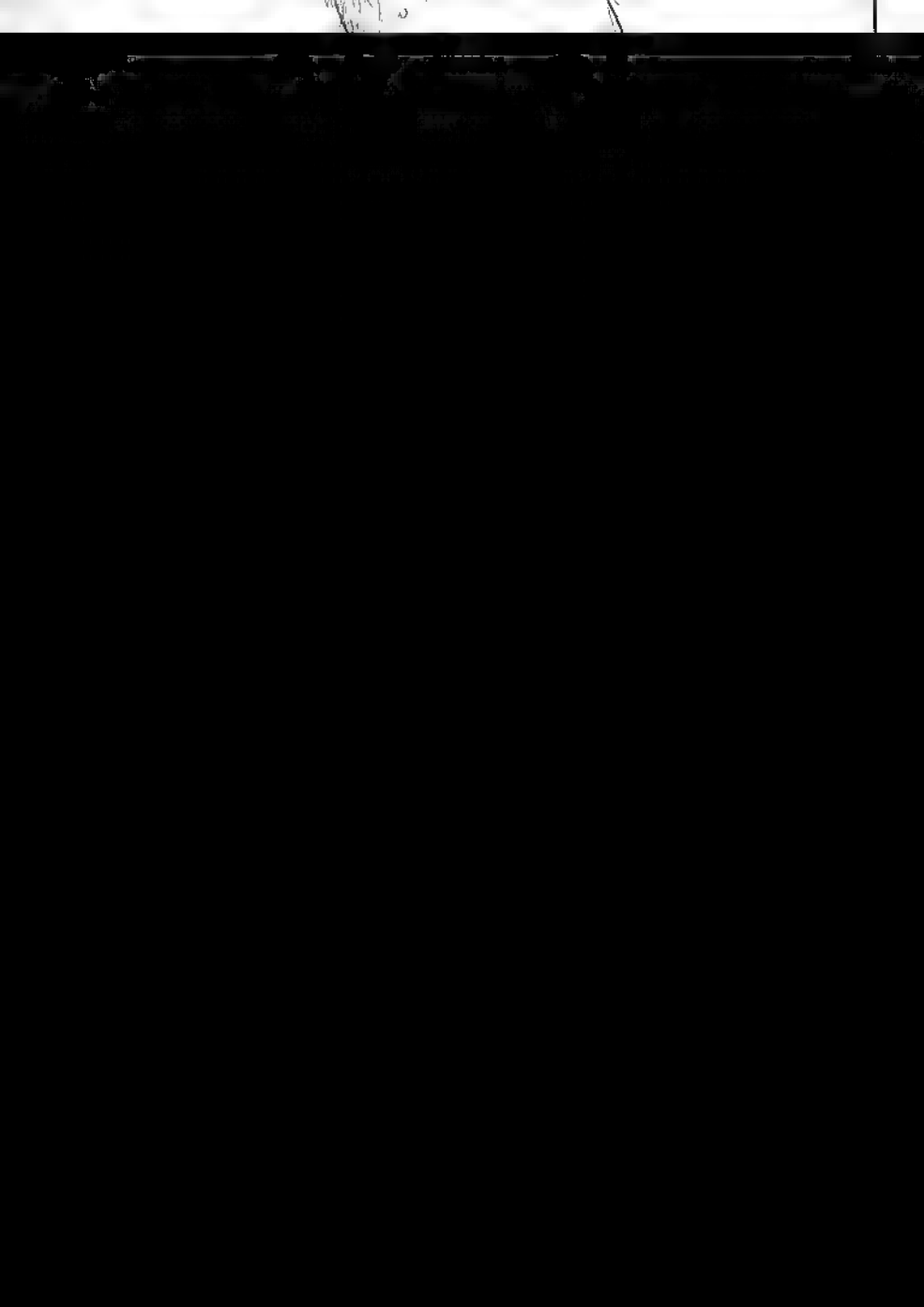
HE CARES
ABOUT HIS
FRIEND



MY
MAN!

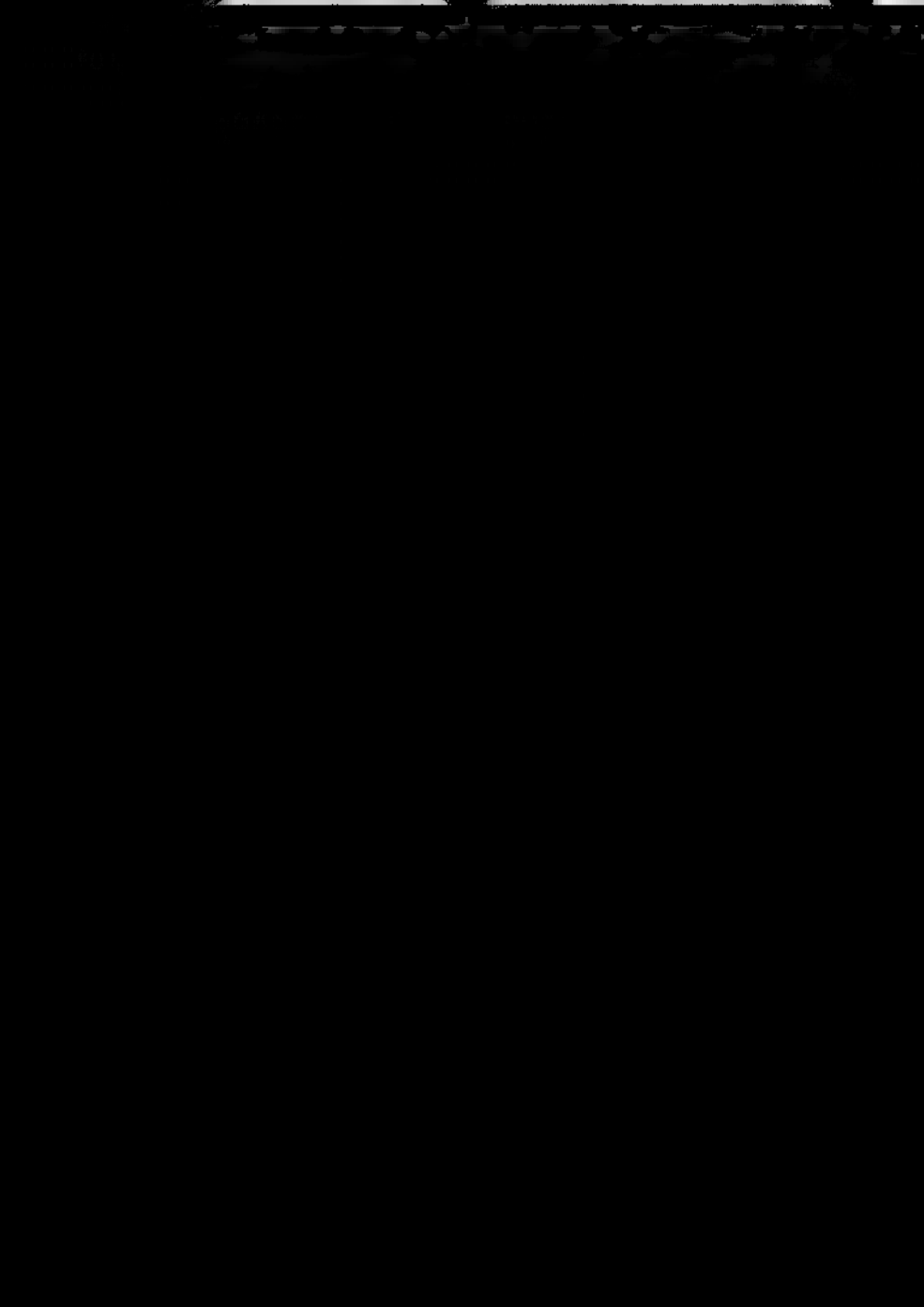








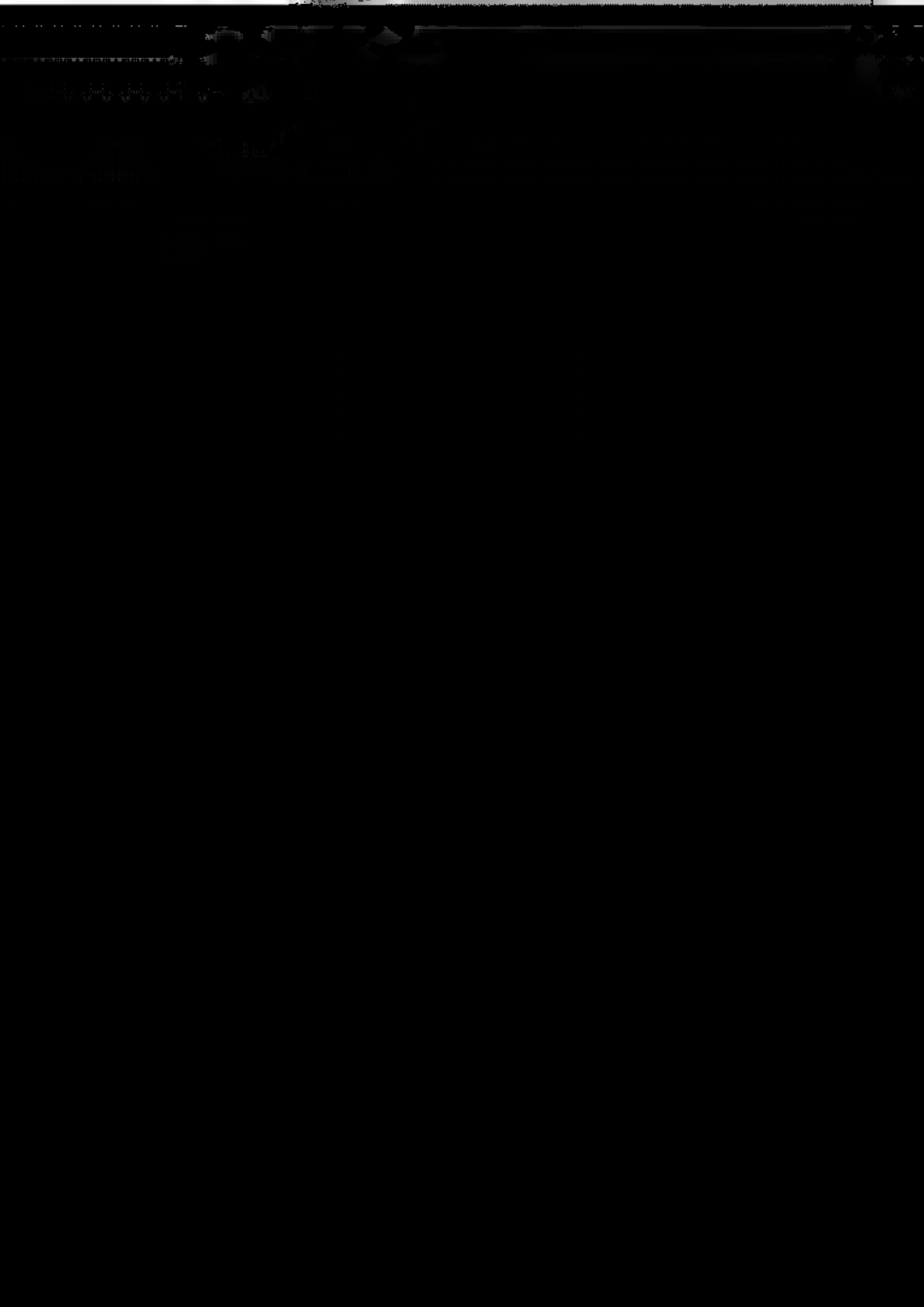


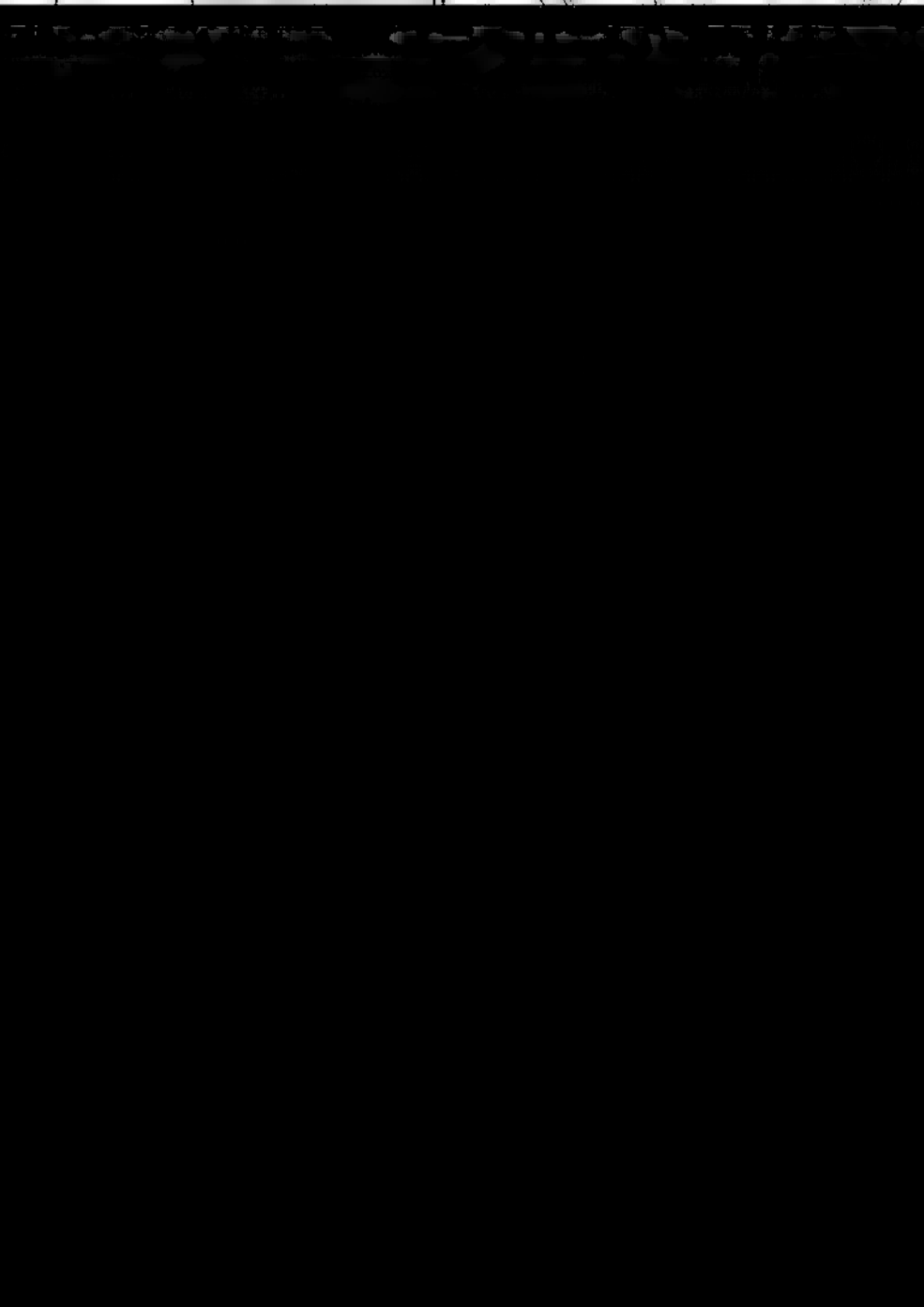




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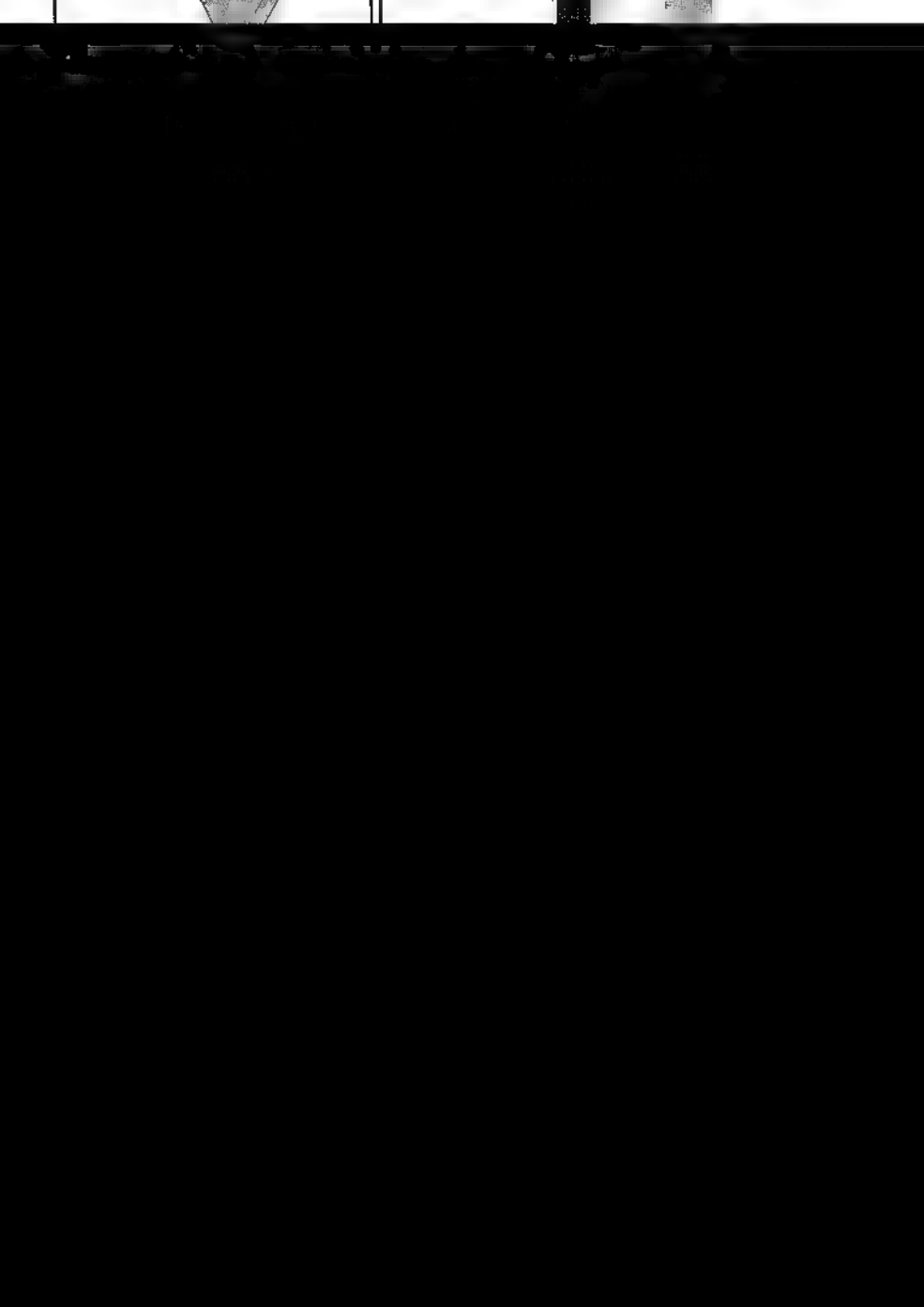


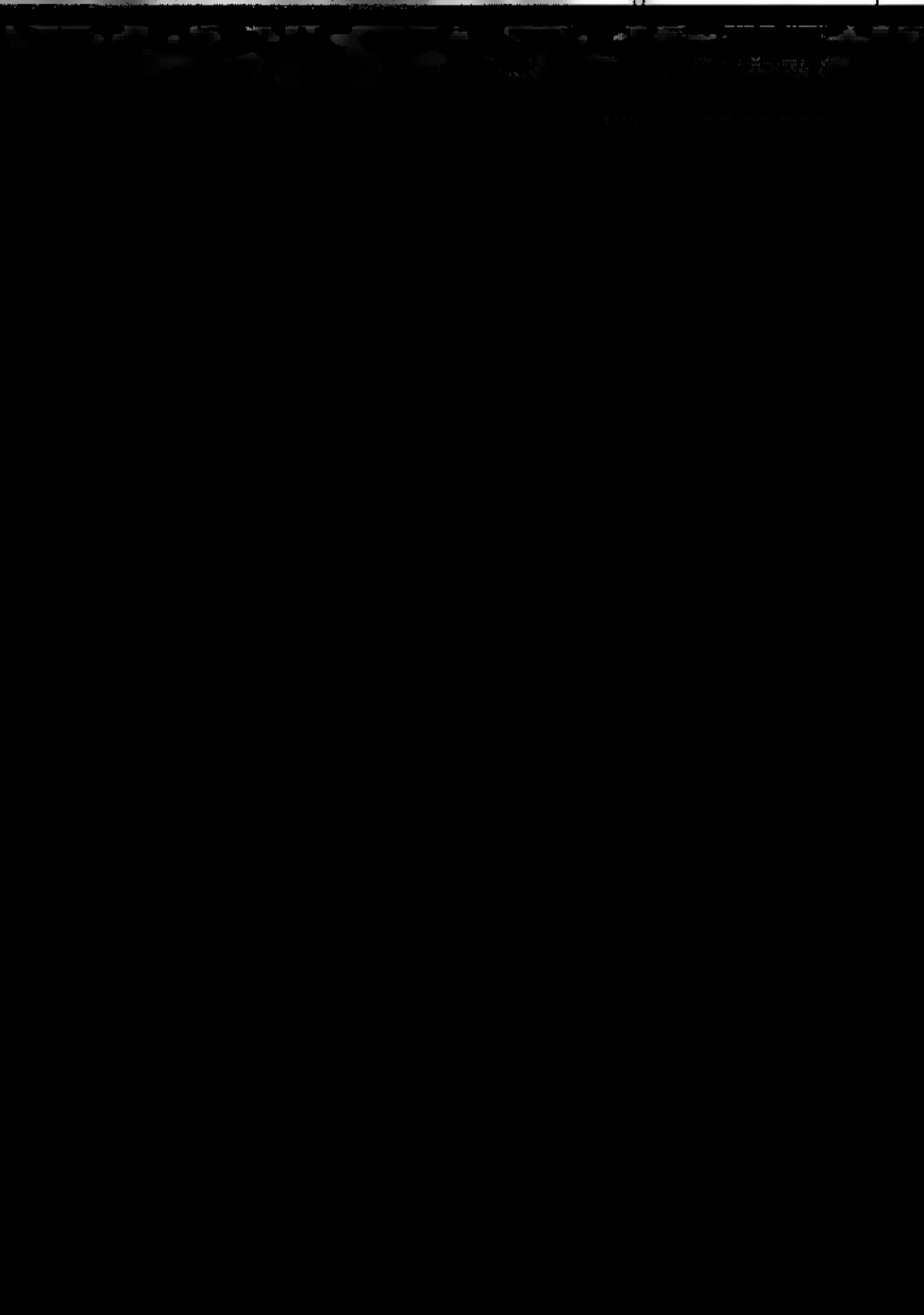


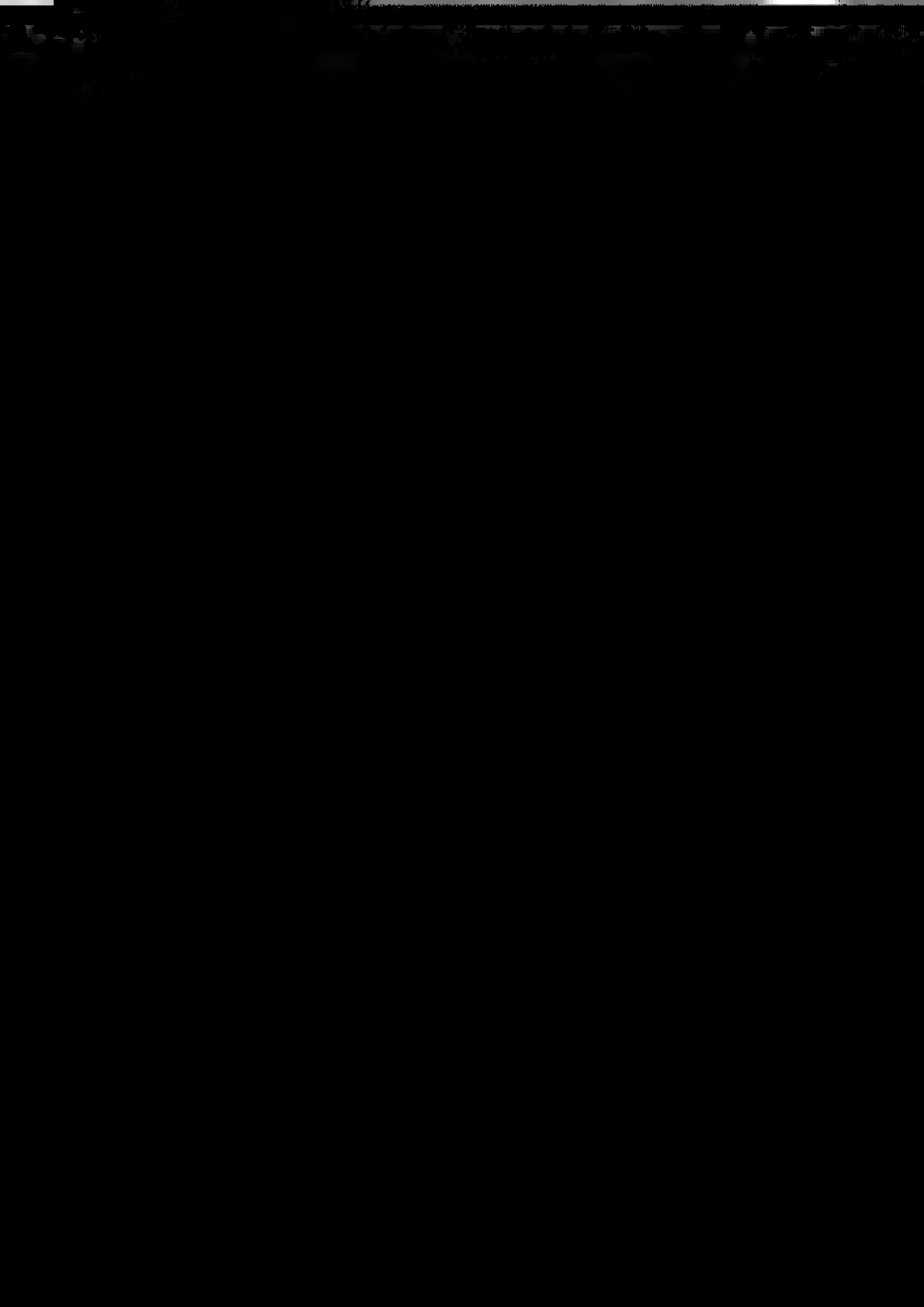














I HAD IT
SET UP
JUST RIGHT,
JEEZ...

OR
04

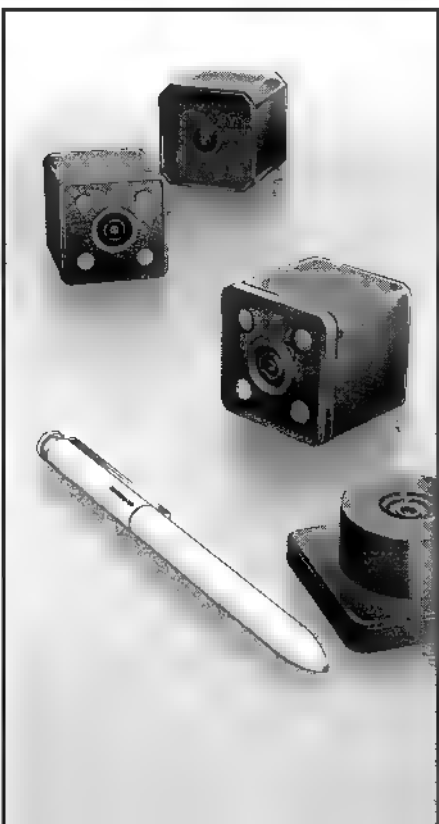
HAVEN'T
I TOLD YOU
NOT TO POKE
AROUND?

UGH
GETTING
THE ANGLE
JUST RIGHT
IS A PAIN.

I HAD IT IN
THE PERFECT
POSITION.









WHY,
THOUGH?

A
FRIEND
TOLD ME
ABOUT
THIS
BRAND,
AND—

GOTTA GO
WITH THIS ONE
FOR WIDE
ANGLES,
THOUGH!



HOW MUCH
I HATE BEING
RECORDED.

YOU
KNOW. .



WE'RE A
COUPLE



SURE
I DO, BUT
I'M NOTHING
LIKE YOUR
JERK OF AN
UNCLE AT
THE RAMEN
SHOP



WHEN YOU'RE
HERE WITH ME,
AND EVEN WHEN
YOU'RE NOT

I
LOVE YOU,
MINKO, SO I
WANT TO
WATCH YOU
AT ALL
TIMES.



AND THESE
CANDID VIDEOS
ARE AMAZING.
I'M TELLING
YOU.

YOU
WOULDN'T
LET ME DO IT
OUTRIGHT,
SO I HAD NO
CHOICE BUT TO
USE HIDDEN
CAMERAS.



AND
DON'T
WORRY

THIS
CONTENT'S
FOR
MY EYES
ONLY.



ALWAYS
LOOKING
FINE AS HELL,
NO MATTER
THE ANGLE
OR THE
POSE.

YOU'RE
JUST
SO REAL

IT TURNS ME ON
LIKE NOTHING ELSE...
EVERY GLIMPSE IS A
REMINDER THAT I'M THE
ONE DATING THIS CHICK
I'M THE ONE FUCKING
HER BRAINS OUT
DAY AND NIGHT





SEE?
GREAT SOUND
QUALITY, TOO







HOW
LONG'RE YOU GONNA
KEEP UP THIS SWEET,
INNOCENT MAIDEN ACT?
GET OVER IT ALREADY
YOU SHOT PLENTY
OF PORN WITH THAT
UNCLE OF YOURS.



GAH, FINE!
I'LL DELETE IT,
IF YOU CARE
SO MUCH!

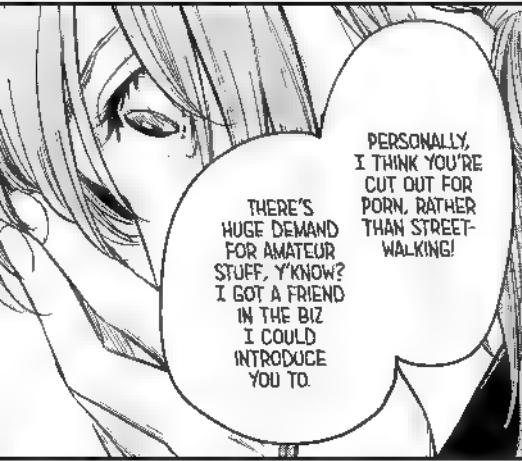
QUIT
CRYING
ALREADY
PAIN
IN THE
ASS



SO
YOU GOTTA
SELL YOURSELF
SOMEHOW.
YOU COULD
EITHER WHORE
YOURSELF
OUT OR DO
PORN.

GOTTA BE
PRAGMATIC.
YOUR DAD'S IN
DEBT, AND HE
CAN'T WORK,
RIGHT?

AHL.



THERE'S
HUGE DEMAND
FOR AMATEUR
STUFF, Y'KNOW?
I GOT A FRIEND
IN THE BIZ
I COULD
INTRODUCE
YOU TO.

PERSONALLY,
I THINK YOU'RE
CUT OUT FOR
PORN, RATHER
THAN STREET-
WALKING!



LUCKY
FOR YOU,
YOU GOT
LOOKS FOR
DAYS AND
BOOBS TO
WATCH.

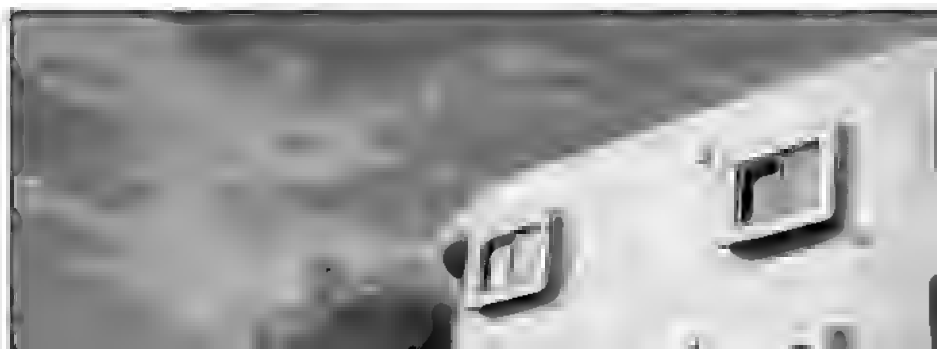






I GUESS
YOU'RE FINE
WITH *THIS CLIP*
BEING YOUR
BIG DEBUT?





CHAPTER

15

[Mako Igarashi VIII]



Not just during sex,
but even when I was
undressing,
using the
bathroom...

Yuki had been
recording me
all along.

He used those
videos to try to
blackmail me.

Stop fucking with me
and pick up the phone

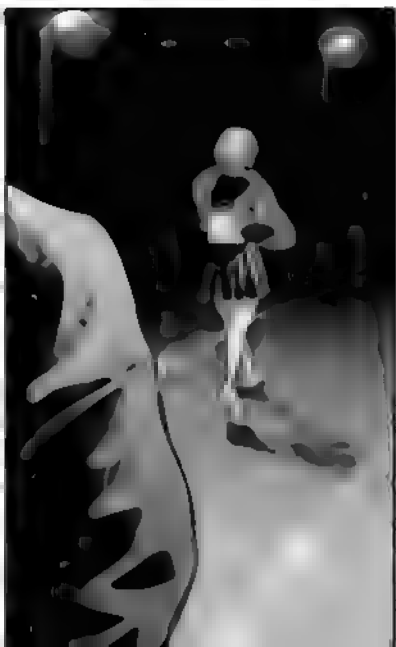
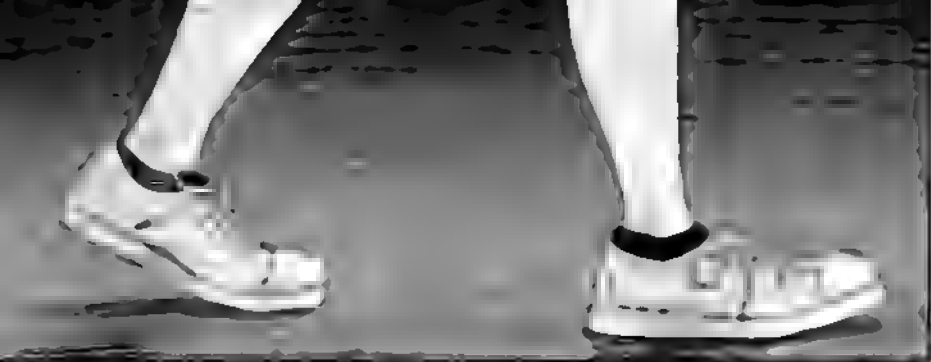
You're not allowed
to break up with me.

The
more the
harassment
escalated

The more
I rejected
him











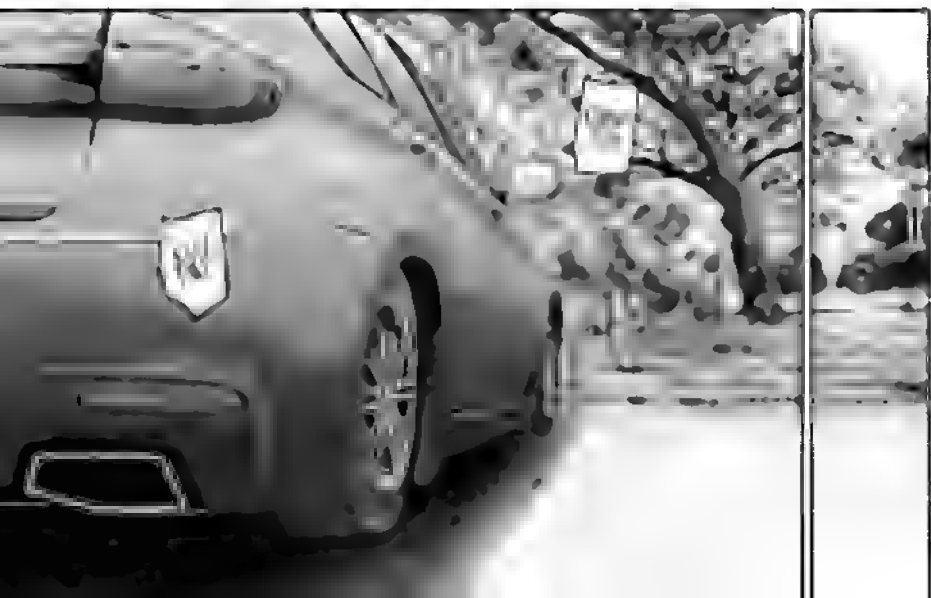




Don't even try
I know people in high places.

You know how much content I have.
If you don't want daddy to find out,
get your ass over to the park right
now.







BUT
MAYBE I'LL
DUMP THOSE
FLIERS AT
SCHOOL
NEXT

THE



THEM
NOW THAT LITTLE
MADAO IGARASHI
IS DOING
DIRTY DEEDS
FOR CASH



THE



AND AS A
SPECIAL OFFER,
ANYONE WHO BUYS
THE VID CAN
PAY AN EXTRA

...TO HAVE
THEIR WAY
IN PERSON!
♥
HA HA!



BUT KNOW
THAT IF YOU
BETRAY ME

I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO GETS TO
STICK IT IN
YOU, MAKO.



THE
PUNISHMENT
I'VE GOT
IN STORE
WILL BE
BIBLICAL.

UGH



I just had
to suffer
through
it...

SO YOU
DON'T HAVE
MUCH OF A
CHOICE.



I believed
that, so
I tried to
endure...



I'd be fine
so long as I
never set
him off



...but I was
already at
my limit.



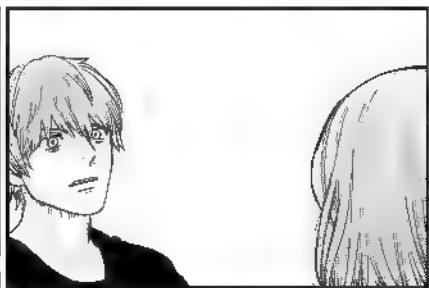
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LIKE
HELL
YOU
CAN!!





WHATEVER
MAYBE I
REALLY
SHOULD
WILL YOU



HOW
YOU'RE
DOING
MEAT!!





...was pitiful,
in a way.



...how to
really love
someone...

He
had no
idea...



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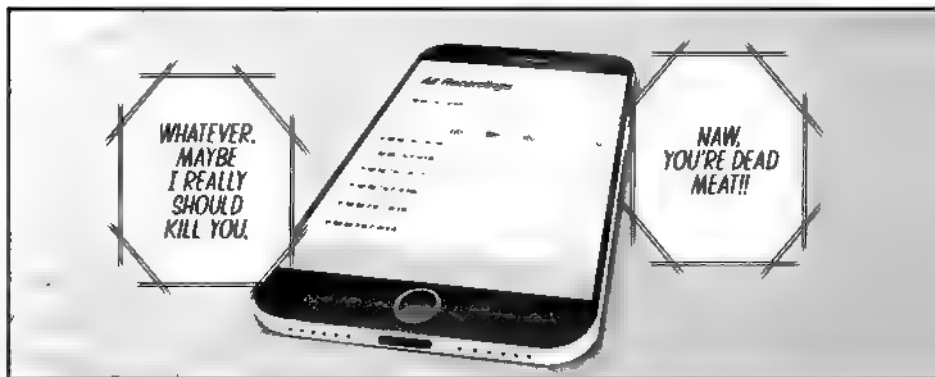
[Mako Igarashi IX]





LEAVE IT
TO THE POOR,
TRASHY LITTLE
BITCH TO
THINK SHE'S
HOT SHIT!!

WHERE'RE
YOU GONNA
GET THAT KIND
OF DOUGH,
HUN?!



WHATEVER.
MAYBE
I REALLY
SHOULD
KILL YOU.

NAW,
YOU'RE DEAD
MEAT!!



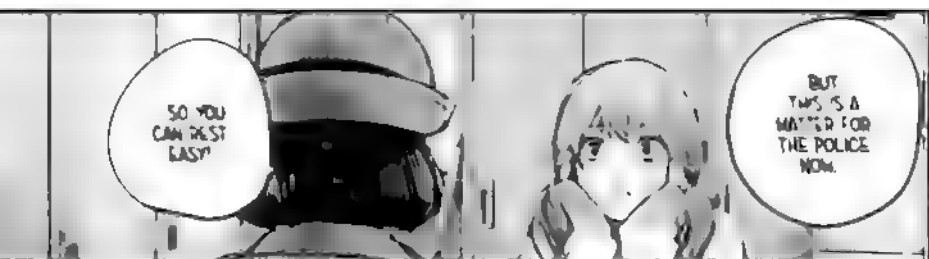


IT
COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
EASY TO
PUT UP WITH
THIS ALL BY
YOURSELF

I'M SURE
YOU WERE
SCARED



I SEE.
I SEE



SO YOU
CAN REST
EASY?

BUT
THIS IS A
MATTER FOR
THE POLICE
NOW.





...to
bring it
to the
police.

So I
found the
courage...

I couldn't
make this
my dad's
or Mizuki's
problem.



They
couldn't
take action
until actual
harm was
done.

I'm pretty
sure that's
what she
told me.

IF I'M
"IN REAL
TROUBLE,"
HUM.



The officer
spent a long time
asking about my
history with Yuki,
my home life, and
other private
stuff...

Stalking
In trouble?
Talk to the police
Anti-stalking Act

IF YOU'RE IN
REAL TROUBLE,
JUST CALL
110, OKAY?







We
hung out
every day
that
winter.

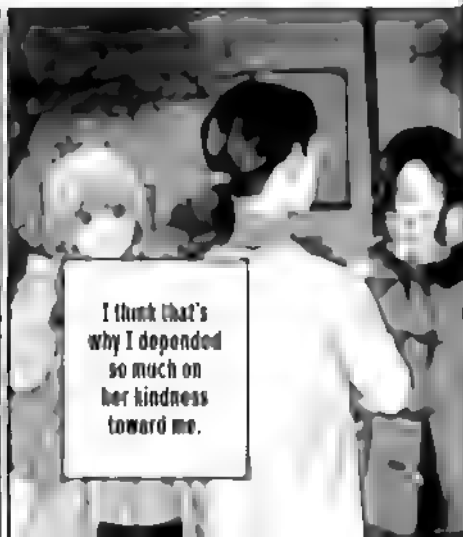


...
because the
police had
given him a
warning...

I'm not
sure if it's
because I
had no

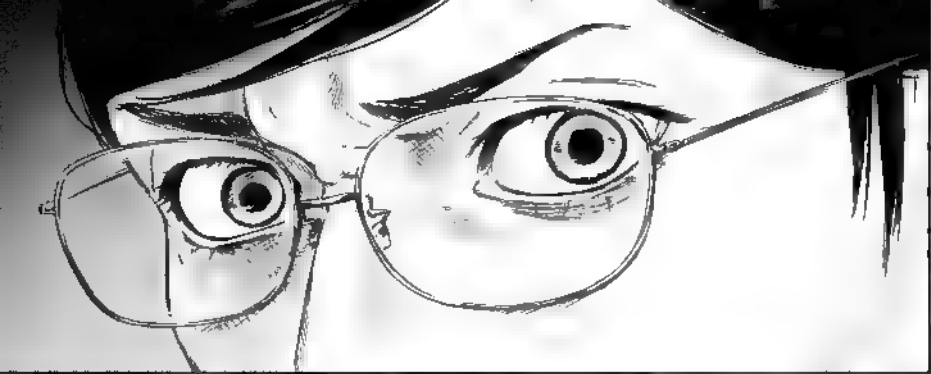


...but my
life was
peaceful.



But she
came from a
respectable
family.
She had college
prospects.

I think that's
why I depended
so much on
her kindness
toward me.











AND
SLAP YOUR
WRIST

YOU'RE
GOING TO
"HIT"
THIS



I'VE BEEN
THINKING HARD.
YEAH?

"HOW CAN
I MAKE MAMO
REALIZE THE
EXTENT OF HER
LOVE FOR ME?"
I PONDERED



WELL
I CAN

FWP

?!



NOT
TOO MUCH
TO ASK,
RIGHT?

IT'S
NO BIG DEAL
TO PROVE YOU
LOVE ME

WHY?
YOU AIN'T
DO IT?







AND THE
NEXT TIME
YOU STEP
OUTTA
LINE.

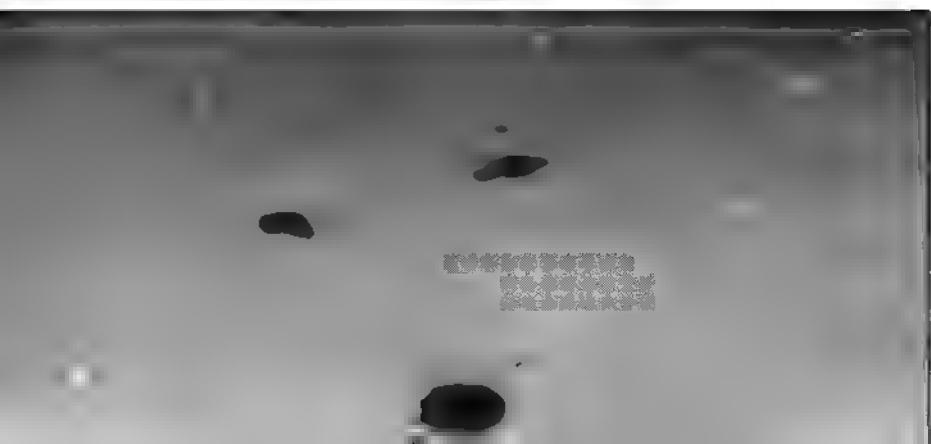


THAT I'VE
GOT CONNECTIONS
WITH THE COPS
AND THE YAKUZA!
NOBODY'S ON
YOUR SIDE OUT
THERE, MAKO.

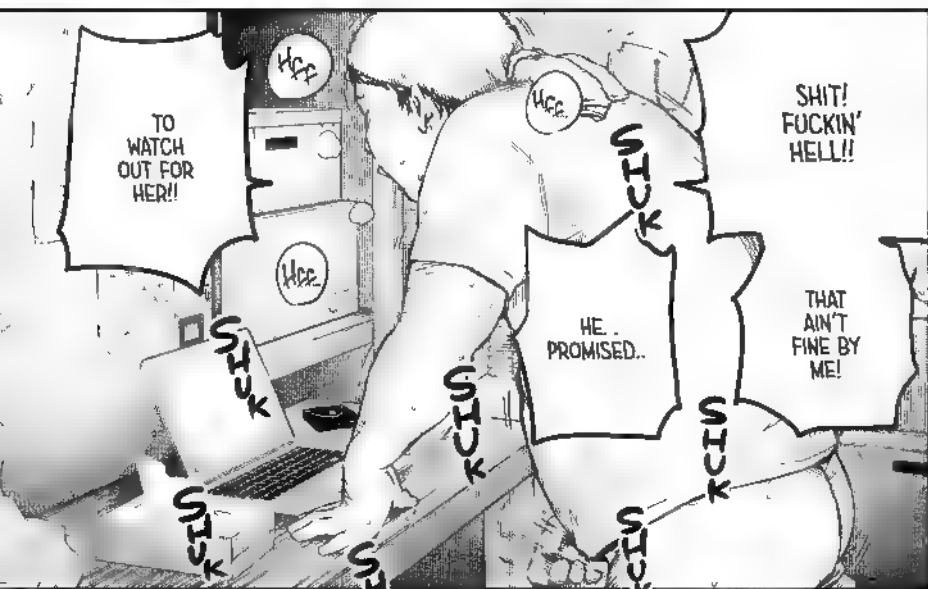
OH,
ONE MORE
THING!
YOU OUGHTA
KNOW.



MAYBE
I'LL GO
AFTER THAT
FRIEND OF
YOURS.









KLAT

GOOD
EVENING.

IS MAKO
HERE?

LEER



CHAPTER

17

[Mako Igarashi X]



MIZUKI
AIKAWA...



I'VE GOT A
PROPOSITION
FOR YOU.



BUT MAKE
YOURSELF
AT HOME.

MAKO'S
OUT DOING
DELIVERIES.

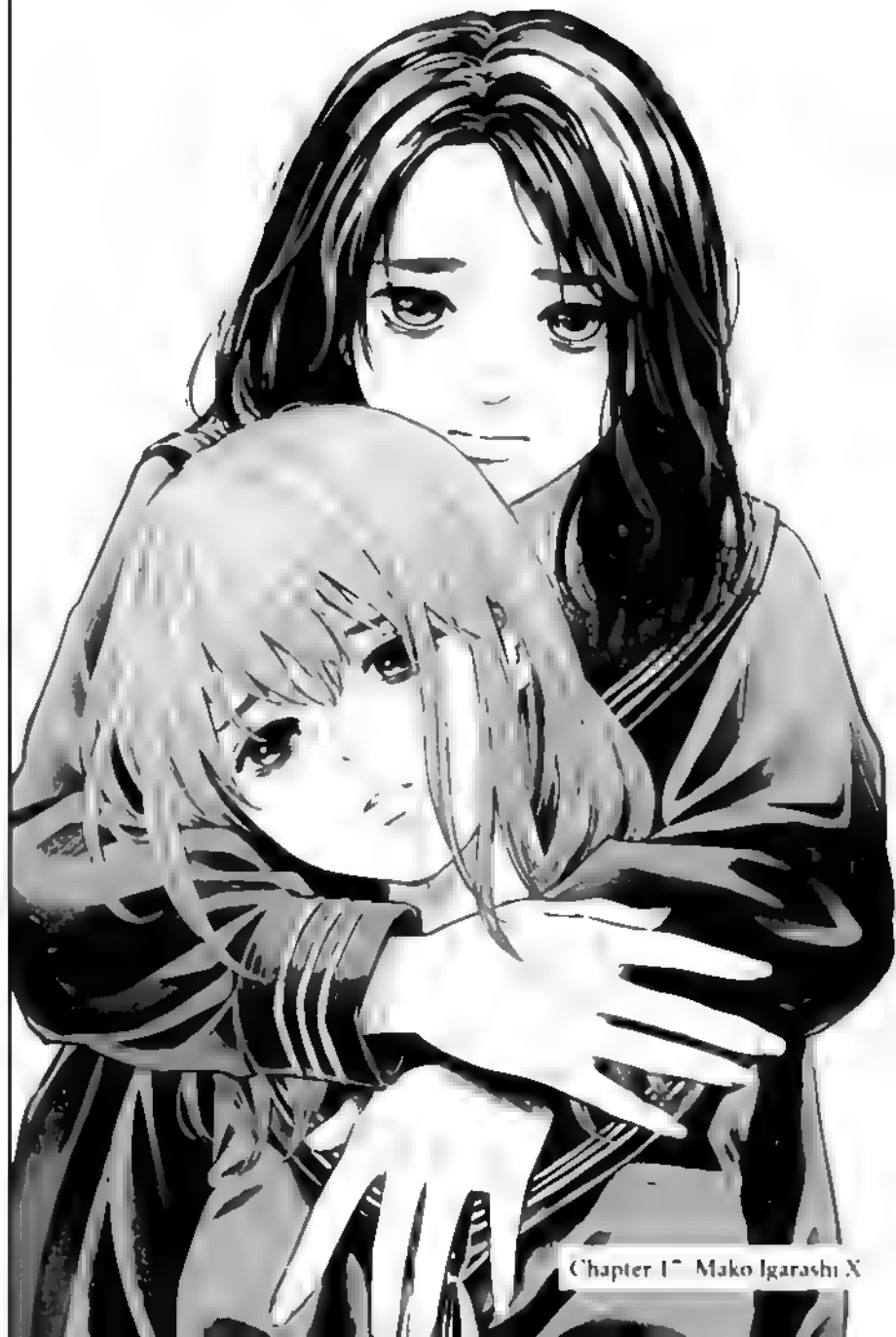
OH,
THANK
YOU.

ACTUALLY,
IF YOU GOT
A MINUTE.



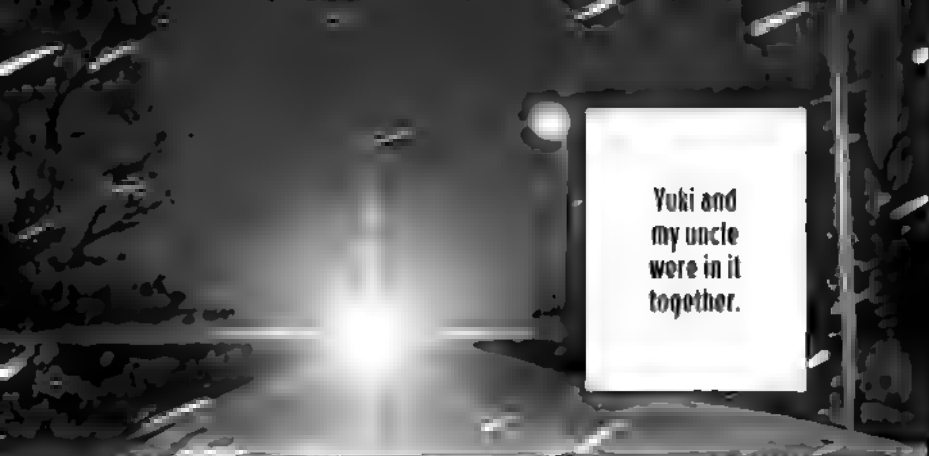
KIND OF A
PLAIN JANE
NO REAL
SUBSTITUTE FOR
MAKO, BUT.

THERE'S
DEFINITELY
DEMAND FOR THE
STUCK-UP-PRINCESS
TYPE! GOOD CHANCE
TO TEST OUT MY
LATEST CAMERA,
TOO.









Yuki and
my uncle
were in it
together.



From
the very
start

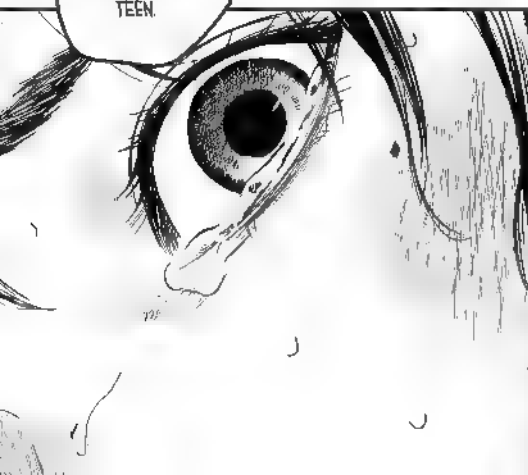


Back
then

He
must've



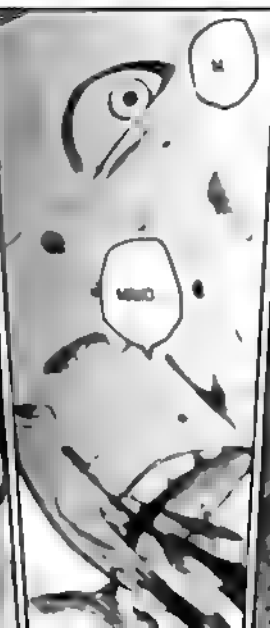














WHY?!

WHY...

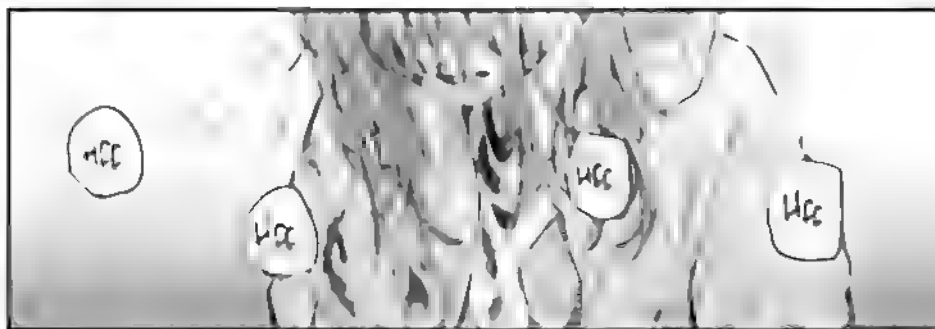


WHAT
DID YOU
WANT
FROM
US?!



WHY'D
YOU DO
IT...

...TO ME?!
TO
MIZUKI?!









I'M SO
SORRY



HE...
USED ME,
TOO...

I KNEW...
I KNEW
ABOUT HIM AND
THE CREEPY
PICTURES HE
TOOK...



...HE'D
DO ALL THAT
TO YOU!!

... BUT I NEVER
IMAGINED...











...IT CAN
ALL REALLY
GO AWAY...

I JUST
HOPE...



IT
CAN.

I'LL
MAKE SURE
OF IT.



The views and values I hold and take for granted are in fact the products of the environment and experiences that shaped me. And they're balanced atop a thin, fragile plate of glass that could crack apart at any second.

It crashes down, and gets it built back up. Looking for ways to keep it standing is what leads to change. Isn't that what life is all about, really?

Now, at the end of 2020, in the midst of the chaos caused by the virus, that's what I've come to believe.

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